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IN THE UNITED STAT	ES BANKI	RUPTCY COURT	
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION		RICHMOND DIVISION	
IN RE:)		JAN 2 0 2009
CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC., et al., 1)	Chapter 11	CLERK
Debtors.)))	Case No. 08-356	U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT 53-KRH
)	Jointly Administ	ered

OBJECTION TO DEBTORS' MOTION FOR ORDERS PURSUANT TO BANKRUPTCY CODE SECTIONS 105, 363 AND 364 (I) (A) APPROVING PROCEDURES IN CONNECTION WITH SALE OF ALL OR SUBSTANTIALLY ALL OF THE BUSINESS OR ADDITIONAL POST-PETITION FINANCING FOR THE BUSINESS, (B) AUTHORIZING DEBTORS TO ENTER INTO STALKING HORSE OR FINANCING AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH GOING CONCERN TRANSACTIONS OR STALKING HORSE AGREEMENTS IN CONNNECTION WITH STORE CLOSING AND MISCELLANEOUS ASSET SALES, (C) APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF TERMINATION FEES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND (D) SETTING AUCTION AND HEARING DATES, (II) APPROVING SALE OF DEBTORS' ASSETS FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL INTERESTS AND (III) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

COMES NOW Lynda Hall, in her official capacity as Tax Collector of Madison County, Alabama, and files the following objection and response to Debtors' Motion for Orders Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Sections 105, 363 and 364 (I) (A) Approving Procedures in Connection with Sale of All or Substantially All of the Business or Additional Post-Petition Financing for the Business, (B) Authorizing Debtors to Enter into Stalking Horse or Financing Agreements in Connection with Going Concern Transactions or Stalking Horse Agreements in Connection with Store Closing and Miscellaneous Asset Sales, (C) Approving the Payment of Termination Fees in Connection Therewith, and (D) Setting Auction and Hearing Dates, (II) Approving Sale of Debtors' Assets Free and Clear of All Interests and (III) Granting Related Relief (hereinafter "Debtors' Motion") shows to the Court as follows:

¹ The Debtors and the last four digits of their respective taxpayer identification numbers are as follows: Circuit City Stores, Inc. (3875), Circuit City Stores West Coast, Inc. (0785), InterTAN, Inc. (0875), Ventoux International, Inc. (1838), Circuit City Purchasing Company, LLC (5170), CC Aviation, LLC (0841), CC Distribution Company of Virginia, Inc. (2821), Circuit City Properties, LLC (3353), Kinzer Technology, LLC (2157), Abbott Advertising Agency, Inc. (4659), Patapsco Designs, Inc. (6796), Sky Venture Corp. (0311), PRAHS, Inc. (n/a), XSStuff, LLC (9263), Mayland MN, LLC (6116), Courchevel, LLC (n/a), Orbyx Electronics, LLC (3360), and Circuit City Stores PR, LLC (5512).

- 1. On January 12, 2009, the Tax Collector of Madison County, Alabama received notice of this Motion via email. The Motion was filed by the Debtors on January 9, 2009.
- 2. On November 25, 2008, the Tax Collector of Madison County, Alabama, filed a Proof of Claim for tax years 2008 and 2009 ad valorem personal and real property taxes in the total amount of \$51,097.20 owed by Debtor, Circuit City Stores, Inc. (hereinafter "Debtor").
- 3. Lynda Hall, as Tax Collector of Madison County, Alabama, has a statutory lien pursuant to § 40-1-3, <u>Code of Alabama</u>, (1975), on the personal property proposed to be sold free and clear of liens by the Debtor.
- 4. Lynda Hall, as Tax Collector of Madison County, Alabama, has a statutory lien pursuant to § 40-1-3, <u>Code of Alabama</u>, (1975), on the real property proposed to be sold free and clear of liens by the Debtor.
- 5. Said Tax Collector has a statutory lien in the total amount of \$51,097.20 for unpaid ad valorem personal and real property taxes for the tax years of 2008 and 2009.
 - 6. Debtors' Motion provides that

"this Court should authorize the Debtors to sell their inventory, assets or businesses free and clear of any and all interests, including claims, liens, and encumbrances, that may be asserted by any parties, with any such claims, liens, and encumbrances, attaching to the net proceeds of the Going Concern Transactions, Store Closing Sales, or Miscellaneous Asset Sales in the same order and priority as they exist against the such inventory, assets or businesses and in accordance with the terms and provisions of the DIP Facility."

Debtors' Motion, p. 45, ¶87.

7. Debtors' Motion cites Section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, stating that a debtor in possession may sell property free and clear of any interest in property if, among other things: "(1) applicable non-bankruptcy law permits sale of such property free and clear of such interest;" p. 43, ¶ 84. Alabama Code (1975), §40-1-3 is an applicable non-bankruptcy law,

which does not permit the sale of such property free and clear of such interest, preventing the Debtors' from selling any personal or real property free and clear of liens with respect to any property that the Tax Collector of Madison County has a statutory lien on; therefore, the Debtors' Motion should be denied with regard to selling the property free and clear of any interest, lien, etc.

- 8. Debtors' Motion does not include the Tax Collector's interest as a lien of record as to the personal property nor to the real property, and Debtors' Motion does not state that the Tax Collector's lien will attach to the proceeds of a sale.
- 9. Pursuant to non-bankruptcy law, § 40-1-3, <u>Code of Alabama</u>, (1975), the Tax Collector's lien for payment of ad valorem property taxes is superior to and has priority over liens which might be imposed by the Court or to any creditor's interest which could attach to the proceeds of a sale.

WHEREFORE, Lynda Hall, as Tax Collector of Madison County, Alabama, objects to Debtors' Motion for Orders Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Sections 105, 363 and 364 (I) (A) Approving Procedures in Connection with Sale of All or Substantially All of the Business or Additional Post-Petition Financing for the Business, (B) Authorizing Debtors to Enter into Stalking Horse or Financing Agreements in Connection with Going Concern Transactions or Stalking Horse Agreements in Connection with Store Closing and Miscellaneous Asset Sales, (C) Approving the Payment of Termination Fees in Connection Therewith, and (D) Setting Auction and Hearing Dates, (II) Approving Sale of Debtors' Assets Free and Clear of All Interests and (III) Granting Related Relief as to the sale of the personal and real property to the extent that the Madison County Tax Collector does not receive full payment for the outstanding ad valorem personal property and real property taxes owed in the amount of \$51,097.20 or to the extent the Tax Collector's liens do not attach to the proceeds of a sale.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Hall, in her official capacity as
Tax Collector of Madison County, Alabama

Madison County Courthouse 100 Northside Square Huntsville, AL 35801 Telephone: 256-532-3370

SWORN TO and subscribed before me on this the 13th day of lineary, 2009.

Pamela B. Mayo

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 6-14-2009

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that the above Objection and Response of Tax Collector of Madison County, Alabama, to Debtors' Motion for Orders Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Sections 105, 363 and 364 (I) (A) Approving Procedures in Connection with Sale of All or Substantially All of the Business or Additional Post-Petition Financing for the Business, (B) Authorizing Debtors to Enter into Stalking Horse or Financing Agreements in Connection with Going Concern Transactions or Stalking Horse Agreements in Connection with Store Closing and Miscellaneous Asset Sales, (C) Approving the Payment of Termination Fees in Connection Therewith, and (D) Setting Auction and Hearing Dates, (II) Approving Sale of Debtors' Assets Free and Clear of All Interests and (III) Granting Related Relief has been served via United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, on the following:

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this the 13^{+h} day of January, 2009.

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January 13, 2009

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RE: CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC., et al., CASE# 08-35653-KRH

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find my objection. Please stamp and return my copy in the self addressed stamped envelope that I have provided.

Sincerely,

Lynda Hall

Madison County Tax Collector

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